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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO NICARAGUA

REF: MANAGUA 600 AND WELTER/RUBENSTEIN TELCON JUNE 25.

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE. PLEASE CONFIRM TIME OF RELEASE AND MEDIA USAGE BY PRIORITY CABLE. RE: EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR TEXT OF LEGISLATION, THE AMENDMENT SIMPLY DELETED NICARAGUA FROM SPECIAL MENTION IN THE BILL (THE COMMITTEE VERSION HAD SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED IT FROM SECURITY ASSISTANCE ALONG WITH ETHIOPIA AND URUGUAY). THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE BILL ITSELF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT NOT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT
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UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENT IN NICARAGUA. BEGIN TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE.

2. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED 225 TO 180 TO AMEND THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION ACT SO AS TOAUTHORIZE DOLS 3.1 MILLION IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA.

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THIS VOTE OVERTURNED AN EARLIER APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE ACTION WHICH HAD EXCLUDED SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUA. THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD CONSIST OF DOLS 2.5 MILLION IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT CREDITS (LOANS) PLUS AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 600,000 FOR MILITARY TRAINING. THE OVERALL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND WILL NEXT BE CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE. THE ACT ALSO CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 15 MILLION IN LOANS AND GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUA THROUGH THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID). THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EMPHASIZES PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND RELATED FIELDS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TWO OF THE POOREST ZONES OF NICARAGUA.

3. PRIOR TO THIS VOTE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT EVEN IF THE FUNDS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE WERE APPROPRIATED TO NICARAGUA, IT WOULD NOT SIGN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NECESSARY BEFORE DISPENSING FUNDS UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATION,
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HAD EARLIER TAKEN THAT POSITION IN FORMAL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SPECIFYING THAT IT WOULD NOT SIGN SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGREED THAT THERE HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THE NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. END TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE.
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